



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masahiro OMATA et al.
Title: LAPPING APPARATUS AND LAPPING METHOD
Appl. No.: 10/772,593
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Examiner: Maurina T. Rachuba
Art Unit: 3723
Confirmation No. 5185

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated):

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on ____.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on ____.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ Credit Card Payment Form.
- ☒ Amendment Accompanying RCE.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). 01/25/2007 HHARZI1 00000009 10772593
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement. 01 FC:1001 790.00 DP
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of ____ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):					\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	31	- 45	= 0	x	\$50.00	= \$0.00
Independents	3	- 3	= 0	x	\$200.00	= \$0.00
		First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:	+		\$360.00	= \$0.00
					CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	= \$790.00

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	-		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$790.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 of above):			\$0.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$790.00

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 1/24/2007

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